

AMEND the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE as follows:

Abstract

~~The invention relates to a~~ A method and a device (1) provide a control for controlling an internal combustion engine (500), in which a calculation means (410), before a start of the engine, ~~recognizes~~ a possible self-ignition operating state as a function of operating parameters is recognized and ascertains suitable control parameters for preventing this possible self-ignition operating state are ascertained.

(Fig. 3).